



# Foreign Affairs Manual

## 5 FAM – INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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### 5 FAM 910 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) ACQUISITION POLICIES

#### CHANGES

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates that deal with IT acquisition policies for Information Assurance (IA) and IA-enabled products. These policies and procedures are based upon **mandatory** compliance with National policy established by the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) in National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Policy (NSTISSP) No. 11. Therefore, the changes contained in sections 5 FAM 915.15-3 and 5 FAM 915.15-4 are based on the National mandated policy.

Summary of main changes:

- Added new authority in 5 FAM 912 – NSTISSP No. 11
  - Added four definitions in 5 FAM 913: (Commercial Off-the-Shelf-COTS; Government Off-the-Shelf-GOTS; IA Products; and IA-Enabled Products)
  - Added new section 5 FAM 915.15-3 (Acquisition of Information Assurance Products and IA-Enabled Products for Classified Systems)
  - Added new section 5 FAM 915.15-4 (Deferral Compliance Procedures for the Acquisition of Information Assurance Products and IA-Enabled Products for Classified Systems)
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